

BASEBALL HERE TOMORROW

Ocala vs. Pals. Game Called at 4 O'clock

COME OUT AND LET'S GET REVENGE

GEORGE SISLER IS CENTER OF 'SPOT' ON BASEBALL LOT

Leader of Browns Is in Race to Win Pennant by Himself

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, June 17.—Writing baseball this season has developed almost exclusively into writing about Geo. Sisler, for the incomparable first sacker of the St. Louis Browns is plying such brilliant baseball that he leads in almost every branch of the sport and seems to be trying to win a pennant for the Mound City single handed.

Major league averages, released today show that Sisler not only stands at the top of the American League in most branches of the game but that his figures in most cases are better than those made by any National leaguer. The statistics show that Sisler is—

First in batting averages in either league.

First in runs scored in either league.

First in total hits in either league.

First in total bases in either league.

First in three base hits in either league.

First in stolen bases in either league.

First in either league to make 100 hits this season.

And close to the top in two baggers and home runs in the American league.

Sisler went on a batting streak .433 against .419 the previous week. Last week that brought his average to .440. He made his 100th hit Wednesday in the game with Washington which he virtually won with a home run with the bases full. Sisler's stolen bases number 23 with Kenneth Williams, his team mate, second in the American League, with 21. The averages include games of Wednesday.

Bing Miller of Philadelphia is running up to Sisler on the American League averages with a mark of .376. Ken Williams brought his home run mark to sixteen and leads Miller by three and Rogers Hornsby, the National League pace-setter, by one. Other leading batters of the American League for 35 or more games:

Cobb, Detroit, .375; Spjanker, Cleveland, .369; O'Neil, Cleveland, .367; Schanz, New York, .355; Heilmann, Detroit, .351; Blue, Detroit, .349; Bassler, Detroit, .339.

Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis star, is the whole show in the National League battle of figures this week. Hornsby, by slamming out 14 hits in his last six games, batted his way from fourth place to the top of the heap with an average of .399, with Hank Gowdy of Boston, the leader a week ago, and B. Griffith of Brooklyn tied for second place with .385.

The St. Louis slugger, besides leading the league in batting, is tied with Young of New York and Carey of Pittsburgh for honors in base stealing with eleven apiece. Hornsby is setting the pace for the home run hitters with fifteen. His closest rivals are Zach Wheat of Brooklyn and Eddie Ainsmith of St. Louis who have knocked out eight apiece.

Other leading batters for thirty-five or more games: Bigbee, Pitts-

Baseball Gossip

Umpire Pool has sufficiently recovered from the blow he received on his head in Jacksonville last Sunday to again put on the spangles. He will officiate in today's games in St. Augustine.

Crabbing at the umpire will be taboo, so far as the Pals are concerned in the future. Umpire Pool came back with the understanding that he should have full powers as an umpire to fine and expel players from the game if necessary. This will be a great relief to the public.

Bracken, who was to join the Pals today, received a telegram yesterday morning that his father was dying at his home in Pittsburgh, and he took the next train out. Bracken closed a deal with the Pals over the phone from Leesburg, and left Friday afternoon, arriving here Friday night. Just after he left Lake City a committee of Gainesville fans arrived there to get him for the Gainesville club, which is being organized. They hastened on to Palatka, but when they arrived here found that he had just left, and at first were not inclined to believe that he was not being hidden out.

Gainesville, like practically every other town in the state, is now baseball crazy and is getting together a club that the fans in the University City expect to beat the Pals with. Palatka has never had a keener baseball rival than Gainesville and some warm sessions may be expected before the season is over.

Manager Stovall, of the Jacksonville club, is making an effort to induce Louis Peters, the Pals' star outfielder, to join the Indians, and if Louis should decide to go it is not improbable that his shoes will be filled by Jumbo Barrett, the fence-busting outfielder with the Savannah Seaboard club.

Vuldey and Epperson will be the most probable pitching selections against the Saints today. The Castilian has had the Saints on his hip in every contest he has started against them thus far, and Ep has also been able to deliver against Davies' sluggers.

It is rumored here that the Saints have signed up a pitcher which the New Orleans Pelicans turned loose a few days ago, and that he will work both games today. If the Pals drop back into their hitting stride they can bring on all the Southern league pitchers they have.

The unpiring problem will be acute in Florida independent games unless there are a few more men available like Pool. The Pals declare that they have never seen more incompetent work than on the road trip, especially at Leesburg, where there never was a chance to win.

The fairest local fan in the world might go in to handle the indicat, but it is only human that he should be swayed by local desires, and a slight deviation on a series of plays will defeat almost any team. One miscalled strike or ball very often changes the fortunes of baseball.

SEIZE BOOZE IN SAVANNAH
Savannah, June 17.—A carload of whiskey camouflaged as potatoes was seized in the Seaboard Air Line yards here today.

burgh, .371; Daubert, Cincinnati, .364; Kelly, New York, .355; Grimes, Chicago, .354; J. Johnston, Brooklyn, .345; Bancroft, New York, .342; Snyder, New York, .339; Duncan, Cincinnati, .335.

PALS BACK HOME AFTER DISASTER ON A ROAD TRIP

Team Is Badly Crippled and Lost Five in a Row

Lugging five empty game cases the war-weary Pals came into camp Friday night from a most disastrous campaign, beginning at Ocala last Monday and winding up at Leesburg Friday afternoon. There were many contributing causes, according to Manager Boaz and the members of the club, making a combination that could not be overcome.

Injury to Villarino, who went into the game Monday before he had recovered from a recent injury, necessitating the shifting of the entire line-up, while Lindsey is still suffering with a bad arm. Larzo was sent to short, Wynne behind the bat and pitchers alternating in the field.

In both Ocala and Leesburg the diamond was muddy, rain interrupting games at both places, and above all the unpiring by home products, was incompetent to say the least. It was especially ragged at Leesburg, and some of the Pals went so far as to say that the Giants could not go to Leesburg and win with the same umpire working against them. He left a decision on a foul ball to a spectator in the stand, it is said, and called one game at the end of four and a half innings when Leesburg was one run to the good "on account of darkness."

Coming after such a long string of victories over teams that in many instances are stronger than either Leesburg or Ocala, the losses caused a shock here, and Manager Boaz at once began making plans for strengthening. He secured Bracken, who has had strings on all season, but when Bracken arrived here he received a telegram that his father is dying and he left on the next train for Pittsburgh.

Baseball Results

National League.
At Boston 6-2, Chicago 4-3.
At Brooklyn 0, St. Louis 6.
At Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 8.
At New York 2, Pittsburgh 1.
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American League.
At Chicago 3, Philadelphia 1.
At Detroit 9, New York 8.
At St. Louis 2, Washington 6.
At Cleveland 5, Boston 4.

American Association.
At Columbus 6, St. Paul 0.
At Toledo 0, Minneapolis 1.
At Louisville 10, Milwaukee 4.
At Indianapolis 11, Kansas City 10.

Florida State League.
At Daytona 2, Jacksonville 1.
At St. Petersburg 5, Lakeland 3.
At Tampa 1, Orlando 6.

South Atlantic League.
At Columbia 6, Greenville 3.
At Augusta 4, Spartanburg 3.

Among the Russians at Genoa are men who understand every language, including the one money talks.

In the meantime Mr. Boaz secured Leon, Gonzales and Quinn, who will be in the line-up today, and sent a wire to Barrett, of the Savannah fence buster, who is anxious to don a Pal uniform. Nothing had been heard from Barrett up to a late hour last night.

Mr. Boaz said that this does not necessarily mean that there will be any drastic changes in the Pal line-up, but if it is possible to strengthen the team he will do so.

Today the Pals go to St. Augustine for two games at Lewis Park with the Saints. The first game will be called at 2 o'clock and no doubt there will be a large contingent of Palatka fans along to cheer the boys to victory.

Tomorrow Ocala comes for two games and if determination can win a ball game the locals will even up the score.

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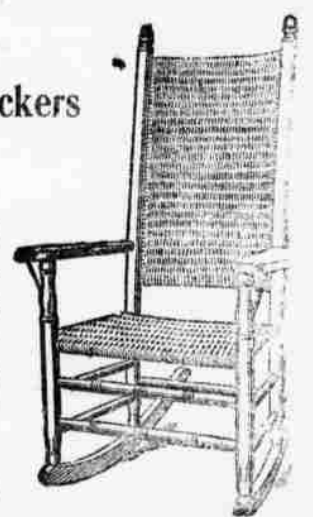
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